



Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.

# FACT SHEET

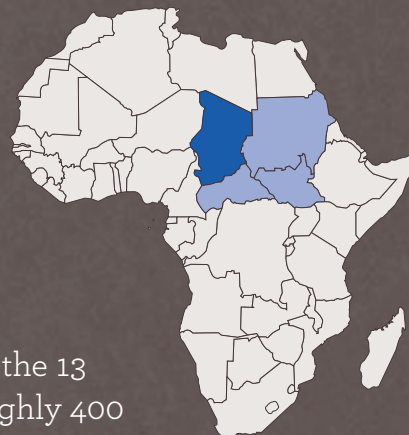
## CHAD

HIAS is the only Jewish organization working on the ground in refugee camps in Chad. We provide trauma counseling and social services, helping those who have fled persecution and genocide to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.



### REFUGEES IN CHAD

Chad is a safe haven for more than 350,000 Darfuris escaping genocide. But poverty and violence, particularly sexual and gender-based violence, plague the camps. Many refugees have already spent a decade or more in exile and are unlikely to return to Sudan in the near future.



### HIAS IN CHAD

HIAS has been providing services in Chad for nine years in 12 of the 13 refugee camps. We employ more than 160 staff members and roughly 400 community mobilizers from the refugee population. HIAS is focused on ensuring that the rights of all refugees are recognized and providing them with the opportunity to create new lives, so that hope overcomes despair.

### LEGAL PROTECTION

HIAS is dedicated to the safety of refugees and ensuring that they know their rights and have access to legal aid. These rights include preserving families in refuge, as well as the right to work, to access medical attention, and to an education for their children—all the things that help them to maintain their human dignity.

### PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

HIAS implemented a flagship community mobilizer program to identify and provide assistance to those who continue to be vulnerable, including women who are targeted for sexual and gender-



based violence and children who have trouble coping with the violence they've witnessed. This cadre of Sudanese workers who live in the camps ensures additional support for those at highest risk of exploitation and those who have already been preyed upon and need protection and care.

The community mobilizers establish public education programs to address issues both within the community and problems that originate from the host community to create safety and dignity for all.

### LIVELIHOODS

Entrepreneurship and other vocations are crucial to people who live in refugee camps dependent on foreign aid. The ability to regain a means of self-sufficiency restores dignity and discourages young men from joining conflicts. HIAS' livelihood programs help refugees recover from trauma and take control of their lives. Self-reliance is one of the best ways to rebuild a society and enable it to flourish in exile.

### COLLEAGUES AND PARTNERS

- **UN:** *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Office of Coordination for Humanitarian Affairs, World Food Programme, United Nations Humanitarian Air Services*
- **International NGOs:** *International Rescue Committee, International Medical Corps, Christian Outreach Relief and Development, Jesuit Refugee Services, Lutheran World Fund—Action of Churches Together, Refugee Education Trust*
- **Local NGOs:** *Association pour le Développement Economique et Social, Conseil de Soigne Santé International, Commission Nationale d'Assistance et de Réintégration des Réfugiés, Bureau D'assistance en Soins et en Environnement, Détachement pour la Protection des Humanitaires et des Réfugiés, Actions Pour les Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad, Secours Catholique pour le Développement*

